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1. DURING MEETING WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AL MANSOURI APRIL 27, DCM MENTIONED THE ASSASSINATION OF FORMER YAR PRIME MINISTER AL HAJRI IN LONDON, AND UNREST AMONG TRIBES IN NORTHERN YEMEN. HE TOLD AL MANSOURI THAT WHEN ONE COMPARED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN YEMEN TODAY WITH WHAT THEY WERE FIVE YEARS AGO, IMPROVEMENTS -- FROM STANDPOINT OF THE SAG, THE USG, AND THE YEMENIS THEMSELVES -- WERE EVIDENT AND GRATIFYING. IT APPEARED TO AMERICAN OBSERVERS THAT THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SUPPORT THAT THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT HAD SO GENEROUSLY GIVEN PRESIDENT AL HAMDI SEEMED TO BE WELL PLACED. DID AMBASSADOR AL MANSOURI HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THE YEMEN SITUATION?

2. MANSOURI AGREED THAT SAUDI POLICY TOWARD YEMEN HAD BEEN GENEROUS, WISE, AND FARSEEING YEMEN, HE SAID, HAD ALWAYS BEEN A TRIBAL STATE WITHOUT THE STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT THAT SAUDI ARABIA ENJOYED. FOR THIS REASON IT WAS NORMAL THAT TRIBAL ACTIVITY SHOULD FROM TIME TO TIME BECOME MORE PRONOUNCED. THE SAG DID NOT, HOWEVER, TAKE THESE MATTERS TOO SERIOUSLY, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO COOPERATE AND ASSIST PRESIDENT HAMDI FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

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